

County Councilman David Marks Fifth District Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMAN MARKS: **RECENT WATER ISSUES HIGHLIGHT NEED FOR CHANGE**

On February 29th, a 30-foot geyser of water erupted from a main on Seven Courts Drive in Perry Hall, the fourth break on this corridor in a year. Less than one week later, a separate break occurred in the Beaconsfield Road area. During my tenure as a Councilman, I have probably dealt with more than a dozen water main breaks every year.

About 235,000 county businesses and households get their water from Baltimore City's public works department. This archaic, confusing system is somewhat unique. Other areas—such as the region surrounding Washington, D.C.—have a regional water authority. In 2019, [the entire County Council supported a resolution](#) I introduced that called on the state legislature to create a regional water authority for Baltimore City and Council.

The new county budget includes funding for some infrastructure projects, such as along Seven Courts Drive and in Fullerton. Still, I believe the better approach is to overhaul the entire system.



The COVID-19 pandemic showed the limitations of the current system—Baltimore City needed help with billing. While there are many valuable city employees who have assisted my office, I believe the best long-term strategy is to create a regional water authority—but we need the state legislature to act.

BRIDGE DEDICATED TO FALLEN HEROES

On April 24th, Councilman Marks and the Perry Hall community dedicated the bridge at White Marsh Boulevard and Belair Road in memory of Staff Sergeant Christopher Moudry and Sergeant Eric Houck. Staff Sergeant Moudry was killed in Iraq in 2005. He was an active Boy Scout and former athlete at Perry Hall High School. Sergeant Houck was killed in Afghanistan in 2017, and also a graduate of Perry Hall High School.



TRAFFIC CALMING APPROVED FOR STEVENSON LANE, WINKLER STREET

The Baltimore County Department of Public Works approved two new traffic calming measures in the Fifth District. In Perry Hall, the county has installed speed bumps on Winkler Street south of Forge Road. In Towson, a raised pedestrian crosswalk will be constructed along Stevenson Lane at Kimway Road. That project should be built this summer.

Routes become eligible for calming following an engineering review and support from over 75 percent of residents. Other routes that have received traffic calming include Dumbarton Road, Ebenezer Road, Hines Road, Klausmeier Road, Regester Avenue, and the eastern end of Silver Spring Road. To apply, visit: <https://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/Contact/trafficcalming>.

SEWER RELINING PROJECT PLANNED FOR TOWSON, CARNEY, PERRY HALL

[Baltimore County will be relining the sewers in an extensive part of the Fifth District](#) west of Belair and Joppa Roads. The project should have minimal disruptions to neighborhoods, and the contractor is responsible for notifying residents prior to work.

PAPPAS SEAFOOD SHIPPING TO LOCATE TO PERRY HALL

Longtime Baltimore favorite Pappas Seafood will fill the vacant ABC Rental location on Belair Road in Perry Hall. Pappas will use the location at 8801 Belair Road for its shipping department. This site is in the Perry Hall commercial revitalization district, an area where Councilman David Marks has targeted new businesses and improvements.

REVITALIZATION CONTINUES IN LOCH RAVEN AREA

In 2019, Councilman Marks established a task force to recommend strategies for revitalizing the intersection centered at Loch Raven Boulevard and Joppa Road. Since that time, several properties have been proposed for redevelopment, including the former Hooters restaurant site, which will become a car wash that utilizes environmentally-friendly techniques.

Councilman Marks downzoned the former First Mariner bank site, which was proposed for an oil service center. Instead, the bank will be renovated into a pediatric child care center. Additional changes in this area should be announced soon.

